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SUBJECT: Situation update from LTC Odum in Goma, Zaire 1901750Z July 94 (U)  
(US Attack in Zaire)

(U) LTC Odum phoned the desk to relay the following:

1. (U) LTC Odum has heard no gunfire throughout Goma since mid-morning likely due to ICRC feeding plan taking effect. Although there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of refugees in downtown Goma there are still people packed up around the airport and Goma is certainly not empty of refugees. There are also more dead due to dehydration. Water shortage and sanitation problems still of major concern.

2. (U) There are 2 principal refugee routes/camps: 1st route is NE of town 40 km - route goes right past airport to largest camp at Kalehe. 2d route is used primarily by Rwandan army and leads to Sake. Zaire's objective has been to separate the army from the civilian refugees. The ICRC and various NGOs however, stated that they do not wish to feed an army and army officers have been unwilling to take off their uniforms.

3. (U) Relief operations: Relief flights resumed full-swing this afternoon. French are still trying to better control Goma airport and have been unable to establish 360-perimeter around airport. In the interim, French soldiers have been placed along tarmac to keep refugees from walking across it. They have only been partially successful.

3. (U) LTC Odum observed an AN-124 offloading 4 French armored vehicles (possibly light tanks). The exact purpose of these vehicles is unknown. According to LTC Odum, this is the first light armor seen, at least on French side, although he is unfamiliar with what is in Rwanda proper.

4. (U) Refugee figures: New developing area is Bukavu with at last count, 300,000 refugees. Another 400,000 refugees are moving south of Bukavu towards Kamanyola. A third group of approx. 60,000 refugees crossed into Burundi.

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## RWANDA SITUATION UPDATE

Issues: Military Situation; Political Developments;  
Refugee Crisis

### MILITARY SITUATION

- (U) Latest information from USDAO Kinshasa
- (U) Cease-fire appears to be holding (Multiple)
  - No cohesive military opposition to RPF
- (C/NF) Goma calm (USDAO Kinshasa)
  - Sporadic small arms fire
  - Mostly Zairian military shooting in the air
  - Zairian soldiers observed commandeering arms and vehicles from fleeing Rwandan forces
- (C/NF) French trying to improve security situation at airport (USDAO Kinshasa)
  - Four Panhard VCR APCs with canon observed being off-loaded

### POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (U) New Rwandan Government sworn in on 19 July (Press)
  - (U) Moderate Hutus in prominent positions; Tutsis still dominant force
  - No organized political opposition posing challenge
- (U) One exiled leader of defeated government in Goma warned of possibility of renewed warfare (press)
  - Unless new rebel-dominated government organizes fresh elections
  - (C) Unlikely to be a serious threat in near-term
    - Leaders scattered
    - Much of military disarmed and on the run
- (U) France to send delegation to Kigali to organize the relief of OPERATION TURQUOISE (Press)
  - Called on new government to exercise restraint
    - To respect the cease-fire / To stop shelling civilians / To stop shelling Goma

### REFUGEE CRISIS

- (U) Goma: Refugee flow largely stopped (USDAO

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Kinshasa)

- RPF reportedly sealed off border
- Estimated 1.3 million remain
- Red Cross setting up interim feeding centers as far as 40 kilometers to the northeast of Goma
- (C) French Security Zone (Amemb Paris)
  - French say they are being overwhelmed in the southwest
  - 1.5 million people there now
  - To prevent their fleeing to Zaire or Burundi French need between 500 and 1,000 MT/day of food supplies
  - In addition, a growing need for water in areas away from Lake Kivu
- (U) Bukavu Area (USDAO Kishasa)
  - 300,000 refugees there as of Tuesday
  - Another 400,000 moving south of Bukavu towards Kamanyola
  - 60,000 crossed into into Burundi

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